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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0832-17

Thank you for your email of 7 September 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Dynasafe MineTech Limited would like to request details on the recently announced £9million aid package for Libya which we understand includes £4m to remove improvised explosive devices from areas where Isis have been pushed back. In particular we would like details on who has been awarded the contract to remove IEDs and what contracting mechanism was used to select the successful contractor.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold some information relevant to your request.

Following the occupation and subsequent removal of Daesh from the city of Sirte in Libya, the city is littered with unexploded ordnance and explosives left by the retreating terrorists. There is an urgent requirement to make the city safe for returning residents to allow them to return to a normal pattern of life.

On 12 September, the Defence Secretary laid before the House of Commons a Departmental Minute (see link) describing a package of Counter-Improvised Explosive Device equipment that the UK intends to gift to the Government of National Accord of Libya.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-09-12/HCWS124/>

The value of the package is £2,977,374.91, not including shipping. UK is providing this UK-owned equipment for a multi-donor, C-IED/explosive hazards support project being overseen by United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) for military and police C-IED units of the

Government of National Accord of Libya. The United States and Germany are funding the training contract. There is therefore no contract for clearance as such.

In addition HMG are funding two projects from the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF):

Project 1 - Humanitarian Mine Action and Stabilisation in Libya

Value - £522,083

Implementer - Danish Demining Group

Procurement - DDG was selected as the implementing partner using the standard competitive process.

Project 2 – UNMAS Programme Support for international coordination of mine action activities in Libya

Value - £460,045

Implementer – UNMAS, Libya

Procurement - UNMAS is part of the UN system, specifically part of the UN Support Mission in Libya. As UNMAS is part of a multilateral organisation, no procurement process was undertaken.

Finally, under section 16 of FOIA – Advice and assistance, you may wish to contact the Ministry of Defence (MOD). See contact details below:

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Yours sincerely,

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